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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
JUN ISHIZAKI ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :
(Based on PCT/JP00/06344)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: A GENE ENCODING NOVEL :
HUMAN SECRETORY TYPE
PHOSPHOLIPASE A2

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

3. (Amended) A protein which comprises the amino acid sequence of claim 1, in which one or more amino acid residues are substituted, deleted, inserted or added, and has a phospholipase A₂ activity.

4. (Amended) A DNA which encodes the protein as claimed in claim 1.